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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Giacomo Stefano ROBA et al. )  
Application Serial No. 09/465,016 ) Group Art Unit: 1731  
Filed: December 16, 1999 ) Examiner: Hoffmann, J.  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002. A fee payment of \$410.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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